

REUSABLE NEWS *Bulletin*



First Year Results In!

In 1994, WasteWiSe partners conserved nearly a quarter of a million tons of materials through waste prevention and collected almost one million tons of material for recycling. In addition, WasteWiSe partners helped create stronger markets for collected recyclables by purchasing 23 different kinds of recycled products.

For example, Procter & Gamble conserved 2.5 million pounds of plastic and 1.3 million pounds per year of corrugated material by redesigning its cooking oil containers. NYNEX saved \$2.5 million by printing phone bills on both sides of the page. These are just two examples of the many notable accomplishments achieved by WasteWiSe partners in 1994.

For more information on WasteWiSe or a copy of the *First-Year Progress Report*, call 1-800-EPA-WISE.



Satellite Forum a Success

In September 1995, EPA brought solid waste management information down to earth through an interactive satellite broadcast that reached over 1,000 people at more than 100 sites across the nation. Elected officials, planners, public works and recycling managers, finance officers, and citizens in 23 states learned from five national experts about full cost accounting (FCA) and pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) service fees.

The forum provided an overview of how communities are benefitting by using these tools and answered questions from call-in viewers. EPA is planning another forum this summer on FCA.

EPA is working with two workgroups on FCA and PAYT endeavors. The FCA Workgroup is made up of the following organizations:

- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Maryland Department of the Environment



- American Public Works Association (APWA)
- National Recycling Coalition (NRC)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

The PAYT partners are:

- ICMA
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG)

For more information about FCA, PAYT, or the next forum, call Angie Leith of EPA at 703 308-7253 or Jan Canterbury of EPA at 703 308-7264.

Trade Made in Windy City

EPA congratulates the **Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) Recyclables Exchange** for enabling its first trade, between Oswego County, New York, and the Weyerhaeuser Company, a Washington state-based paper manufacturer. The trade occurred on October 17, 1995.

This centralized electronic trading marketplace links buyers and sellers of recovered plastic, glass, and paper materials across the United States, providing timely and accurate price information, quality verification, and dispute resolution. For more information, call a CBOT recyclables product manager at 312 341-7955.

Free workshops about the Exchange are being offered in Washington, DC; Phoenix, AZ; Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; and Minneapolis, MN. For more information, call Beth Hill of CBOT at 312 341-7955.

STIR Rule Proposed

EPA has proposed criteria and procedures for the review and approval of state and tribal municipal solid waste landfill permit programs. The State/Tribal Implementation Rule (STIR) would provide states and tribes flexibility, once their permit programs have been approved, to tailor landfill permit requirements to site-specific conditions.

EPA has already approved permit programs for 45 states, one territory, and one tribe using the draft STIR as guidance. EPA is currently soliciting comments on the proposed rule. Comments are due to EPA by April 25, 1996. For more information, call the RCRA Hotline at 800 424-9346.

The proposed rule is available through the World Wide Web by typing <http://www.epa.gov> or through gopher by typing <gopher.epa.gov>. Go to *Rules, Regulations, and Legislation, the Federal Register (FR) Environmental Subset, Federal Register (FR)-Waste, 1996, January, Day-26*.

Dear Reader,

We regret to inform our readers that due to budgetary uncertainties, EPA is temporarily unable to print *Reusable News*. To continue to bring you news on solid waste activities throughout the nation, we will periodically issue a shortened photocopied version of *Reusable News* in bulletin format. This issue summarizes the main articles featured in the Winter issue of *Reusable News*, which is available in its entirety on the Internet. Many EPA publications, including *Reusable News*, are now available online.

To access EPA publications through the World Wide Web, type <http://earth1.epa.gov/OSWRCRA/nonhw/recycle/reuse>

Through Gopher, the address is <gopher.epa.gov:70/11/Offices/Waste/OSWRCRA/nonhw/recycle/reuse>



FCA/PAYT Resources

- In *Full Cost Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Management: A Handbook* (EPA530-R-95-041), EPA provides an overview of FCA, explains how it is used, and describes its benefits and barriers. To order, call the RCRA Hotline at 800 424-9346 or TDD 800 553-7672. Coming soon: an FCA primer for elected officials and a resource guide. For more information on FCA, call Angie Leith of EPA at 703 308-7253.
- *Pay-As-You-Throw: Lessons Learned About Unit Pricing* (EPA530-R-94-004) also is available from the RCRA Hotline. This comprehensive EPA guide to implementing a PAYT program includes case studies and answers to common questions. For more information about PAYT, call Jan Canterbury with EPA at 703 308-7264.
- The Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) has produced a PAYT workbook, slide show, and brochure. To order, call Anne Mattheis at 202 624-8452.
- The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and CONEG plan to host a series of workshops on PAYT in 1996. For more information, call James Connell at ICMA at 202 289-4262 or Anne Mattheis at CONEG at 202 624-8452.
- The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provides PAYT information on LEGISNET. Call Deb Starkey at 303 830-2200 for more information.

PAYT Workshops

To teach government officials about the real-life “ins and outs” of pay-as-you-throw programs, EPA held workshops in Washington, DC, and Boston, Massachusetts, last September. Approximately 110 attendees learned about the benefits and challenges of PAYT programs. Interest in PAYT is growing. Approximately 2,000 communities nationwide have implemented such programs, reaping economic, environmental, and equity benefits. For more information, contact Jan Canterbury of EPA at 703 308-7264.

Park Service Closes Used Oil Loop

The National Park Service became the first major federal executive agency to use re-refined oil in its fleet. As part of President Clinton's Executive Order 12873, all federal agencies are now required to use re-refined engine oil in passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks. For more information, call Don Filsoof of the National Park Service at 202 619-7060.



EPA Active at NRC Congress

EPA sponsored 12 sessions at the 14th annual National Recycling Coalition (NRC) Congress in September 1995. Held in Kansas City, Missouri, the Congress drew over 2,000 participants from federal, state, and local governments and private sector and nonprofit organizations. EPA's sessions addressed a variety of topics in solid waste management, including measuring recycling rates, source reduction, and full cost accounting.

Small Landfills Granted Extension

About 800 small MSW landfills located in arid or remote regions have been granted a two-year extension for complying with RCRA Subtitle D regulations. This extension will allow owners and operators of these small landfills extra time to evaluate landfill closure or continued operation after EPA issues a rule allowing approved states and tribes some flexibility in ground-water monitoring at these landfills. Owners and operators will be able to explore the feasibility of using alternative technologies or waste management options to overcome some of the challenges posed by the unique geological and climatic conditions in which these facilities are located. For more information, call Andy Teplitzky or Allen Geswein of EPA at 703 308-7275 and 703 308-7261, respectively.

Waste Reduction Reaps Global Benefits

As part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, EPA is working to promote source reduction and boost the recycling of paper and other materials. EPA's efforts are part of President Clinton's Climate Change Action Plan, which seeks to decrease annual emissions of greenhouse gases by the equivalent of 106 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. Waste reduction efforts can help diminish fossil fuel emissions through reduced processing and manufacturing; decreased methane emissions from waste decomposition in landfills; and increased storage of carbon in trees left standing. A number of outreach materials will soon be available explaining the link between solid waste and global climate change. For more information, call Clare Lindsay of EPA at 703 308-7266.



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